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help and he was able to tackle the problem within a week after its report. The question of opening a fully equipped dispensary does not arise because there are adequate arrangements made to rush help to places wherever there is an outbreak of contagious diseases."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, as the number of deaths is 50 per cent of the number of attacks and as it is a very serious thing, will the Government consider starting a fully equipped veterinary hospital there? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" As I said, Sir, immediately there is any information about the outbreak, help from nearby dispensaries is rushed to the place where there is an outbreak of disease."

SRI M. NARAYANASAMI :—" In view of the fact that the Ongole breed is supposed to be the best in this State and in this country, will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of opening more veterinary hospitals in that area? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It may be considered later, Sir, and not now."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" May I know whether the Government are prepared to help the present doctor in Atmakur with additional staff? " 9-20 a.m.

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Not at present, Sir."

Veterinary dispensary at Kandukur, Nellore district.

* 250-F Q.—SRI K. SHANMUGHAM :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average daily attendance for the Veterinary dispensary at Kandukur, Nellore district for the years 1950 to 1953 ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that accommodation has been found to be insufficient and inadequate for the ordinary needs of dispensary?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) 18·1.

" The dispensary at Kandukur is only a Minor Veterinary dispensary.

" (*b*) The accommodation available for the Minor Veterinary dispensary is sufficient and adequate for the ordinary needs of the institution taking into consideration the daily average attendance."

Halkal bridge, Coondapoor taluk.

* 250-G Q.—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Halkal bridge in Coondapoor taluk of South Kanara district collapsed ;

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(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to put up the bridge; and

(c) if not, when the Government propose to put up the bridge?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (a) The bridge at Halkal which was constructed in 1937 is in good condition.

" (b) & (c) Does not arise."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY:—" Sir, by a mistake, instead of asking the question about Jatkal bridge, I had asked about Halkal bridge. Are the Government aware of the collapse of the Jatkal bridge, and if so, what steps the Government have taken to construct the same?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" Sir, it is true that the Jatkal bridge collapsed in the year 1937. The cost of reconstructing the bridge is estimated to be Rs. 1·2 lakhs, and this work is included in the recast five-year programme of Post-war Road Development."

[Questions No. 250-H postponed and answered on 4th April 1953.]

Power generation from Urakkuzhi Waterfall, Kurumbranad taluk.

* 250-I Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any report, private or otherwise, about the feasibility of generating electricity from Urakkuzhi Waterfall in Kayanna amsam, Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar; and

(b) whether there is any scheme under consideration of the Government to harness the above waterfall for generating power?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (a) Yes, when the matter was already under scrutiny by the Electricity department.

" (b) The feasibility of harnessing this fall for power generation will be investigated in the order of priority of investigation of such schemes generally as a continuing process."

MR. SPEAKER:—" Questions are over." reon

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* ELECTIONS TO DISTRICT BOARDS.

MR. SPEAKER:—" Mr. Krishna Rao has given notice of a motion which he considers is a privilege motion—I shall put it in that way. The motion reads as follows:—

'I beg to give notice of the following matter to be referred to the Privileges Committee of the Assembly:—

" The Madras Legislative Assembly at one of its previous sessions, decided that the term of the District Boards in the State should be extended to